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DEPT FOR EB AND RAP/CH

DEPT PASS USTR FOR DON PHILLIPS; PASS NSC FOR PAAL

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: ETTC, ECON, ETRD, OTRA, CH
SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND LAUNCHING OF AUSSAT BL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM MINISTRY OF
AEROSPACE S&T COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SUN JIADONG INVITING EB

ASSISTANT SECRETARY EUGENE MCALLISTER AND AUSTR DONALD
PHILLIPS TO ATTEND THE LAUNCHING OF THE AUSSAT BL
SATELLITE ABOARD A LONG MARCH 2E (LM-2E) ROCKET AT THE
XICHANG, SICHUAN, LAUNCH SITE. MINISTRY OF AEROSPACE
OFFERS TO PAY FOR TRAVEL FROM BEIJING TO XICHANG AND
LOGGING IN XICHANG. LAUNCH DATE, WHICH WAS RECENTLY
POSTPONED FROM EARLY MARCH, IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 22. TRAVEL TO XICHANG FROM BEIJING WOULD BE BY
CHARTERED AIRCRAFT, ON MARCH 20 OR 21, WITH TWO NIGHTS IN
XICHANG AROUND THE LAUNCH DATE.

2. AMBASSADOR AND ECON MINCOUNS HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR
INVITATIONS AND PLAN TO ACCEPT. (SEPTEL WILL COVER THEIR
ACCEPTANCE OF FREE TRAVEL FOR PURPOSE OF ATTENDING
LAUNCH.) AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF ARE ALSO
SCHEDULED TO ATTEND LAUNCH.

3. ACTION REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE ADVISE
MCALLISTER AND PHILLIPS' RESPONSE TO INVITATION. EMBASSY
WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HOST A VISIT BY EITHER OR BOTH USG
OFFICIAL. A VISIT BY EITHER COULD BE EXPANDED TO COVER A
LOT MORE GROUND THAN JUST THE AUSSAT LAUNCH. END ACTION
REQUEST.

4. TEXT OF INVITATION LETTER FOLLOWS IN PARA 5.
ORIGINALS POCHED TO DEPARTMENT, EAP/CH, FOR TRANSMITTAL.

5. BEGIN TEXT:

RETURN ADDRESS: THE MINISTRY OF AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY,

P.O. BOX 848; BEIJING, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TELEX
28826 MOAFA CH, FAX 8370849, BEIJING, CHINA.)

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